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[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended October 22, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of October 24:

Week ended October 22.

Buildings reinspected	171
Rooms	1,333
Persons inspected	2,097
Sick	16
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	10
Dead examined	7
Necropsies	3
Rats examined bacteriologically	42
Number showing pest infection	0
Places limed and disinfected	717
Blocks covered with rat poison	16
Times streets swept	3
Sewers flushed	17
Notices sent to abate plumbing nuisance	7
Abated	6
Undergoing abatement	10
Total number plumbing inspections	123

Disinfection of vessel at San Francisco on account of tuberculosis.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson reports, October 14, as follows:

The quarters of the first assistant engineer on the steamship *Arcata* were disinfected October 13, 1904, in accordance with the provisions of Department Circular No. 15, dated February 11, 1902, as an aid in the prevention of tuberculosis among American seamen.

Dengue at Miami, Fla.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Jackson reports, October 19, as follows:

During past week I have had 3 cases of fever with an eruption appearing from third to fifth day, which I am constrained to diagnose as dengue. Eruption in 2 cases was very extensive and annoying.

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border—Report of sanitary work in the Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon Kalloch, as follows:

Week ended October 15, 1904. Cases of smallpox, 0; houses quarantined, 0; houses fumigated, 0; schoolhouses fumigated, 1; suspicious cases investigated, 2; persons vaccinated, 3; miles traveled, 15.

Diphtheria at Lubec, Me.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Small, at Eastport, Me., reports, October 20, as follows:

Learning to-day of the presence of diphtheria at the town of Lubec, Me., only 2 miles from our city, I went there and interviewed the

chairman of the board of health and the attending physician. I find they have 6 cases, 5 of mild type and 1 of diphtheritic croup, which will probably terminate fatally. Antitoxin has been used in all the cases and strict quarantine is maintained.

Lubec is a town of about 2,800 inhabitants.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

Conditions at Rio Grande City—Inspection at ferry.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Dashiell reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

RIO GRANDE CITY, TEX.,
October 8, 1904.

Week ended October 7: Passengers inspected at the ferry, 63. All with the exception of 9 came from the immediate neighborhood, and the 9 exceptions were laborers from the Mexican National Railway camps. Two of these were turned back on account of sickness.

During the week the lay inspector visited 293 premises, inspecting 416 water barrels, 14 of which were found to contain wigglers and were promptly oiled.

One death occurred during the week.

OCTOBER 15, 1904.

Week ended October 14, 1904. Premises inspected, 341; water barrels inspected, 504. Wigglers were found in 21 barrels, which were oiled.

Sixty-seven passengers crossed the river here, all residents of the immediate neighborhood.

There were 3 deaths during the week, all from pulmonary tuberculosis.

I am going to Camargo to-day, and will investigate health conditions there and report.

Texas quarantine against Mexico to be raised.

LAREDO, TEX., *October 26, 1904.*

WYMAN, *Washington:*

Texas quarantine against Mexico will be raised November 1 by governor's proclamation.

RICHARDSON.

INSPECTION SERVICE, MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Nogales, Ariz.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gustetter reports as follows: Week ended October 15, 1904: Passengers inspected, 174; immigrants inspected, 39; immigrants deported, 5.